THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE L.NARASIMHA REDDY

WRIT PETITION No. 5940 of 2007

Dated 26th March 2007

Between:

Paidi Jogaiah & another

... Petitioner

and

The Govt. of A.P. rep. By its Prl.Secretary,
Fisheries and Animal Husbandry Department,
Secretariat, Hyderabad & others

.. Respondents

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O R D E R:

The petitioners claim to be the tribal fishermen. They are native of Thummala Cheruvu. Their village is said to be within the area of operation of Fishermen Cooperative Society, Nellipaka Banjara village of Ashwapuram Mandal, Khammam District, the 4th respondent herein. The petitioners and other tribals of the village are said to have submitted applications to the

4th respondent, seeking admissions. Since their applications were not considered, they approached the Assistant Director of Fisheries, the 3rd respondent. After conducting skill test, the

3rd respondent issued proceedings dated 8.4.1999, directing the

4th respondent, to admit the petitioners and other eligible persons, as

members. This order was assailed by the 4th respondent, before the 2nd respondent, by filing appeal. The appeal was rejected by the 2nd respondent. Thereafter, the 4th respondent filed a revision, before the 1st respondent, way back in the year 2000. The 1st respondent granted interim stay, through order dated 11.1.2000, directing the 2nd respondent, to examine the matter. The grievance of the petitioners is that the revision has not been disposed of, as yet, and thereby the petitioners and other similarly situated persons are denied the membership of the society.

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioners and learned Government Pleader for Fisheries.

The petitioners assert that the revision entertained by the 1st respondent, in the year 2000, is still pending. If that is so, the petitioners stood denied of the benefit, for almost 7 years. The very purpose of the petitioners, seeking admission and the result of the test conducted by the 3rd respondent, is defeated. There cannot be any justification in keeping the trivial matter of this nature, pending for 7 years.

Hence, the writ petition is disposed of, and the 1st respondent is directed to dispose of the revision, preferred by the 4th respondent, positively within a period of four weeks, from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, after issuing notice of hearing to the affected parties. There shall be no order as to costs.

26th March 2007

Note: Issue C.C. in two days.

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